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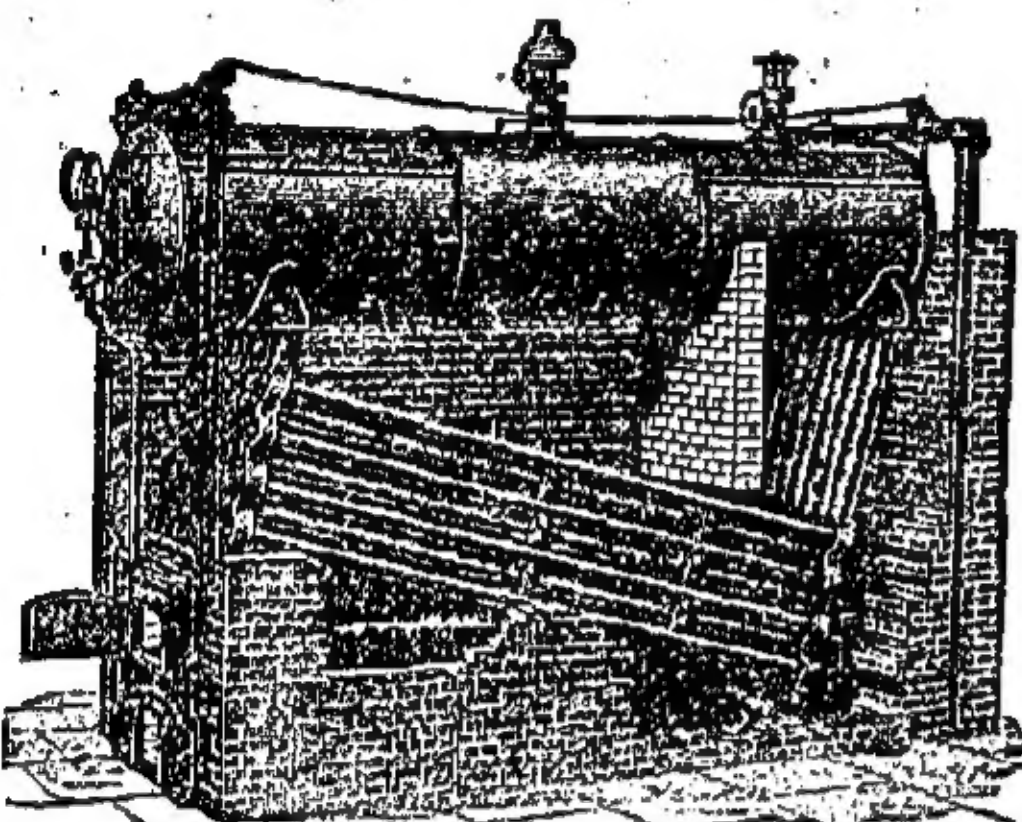
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and shall be glad to execute Orders for  
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SINGH & Co.,  
No. 172, Queen's Road Central,  
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Hongkong, December 18, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Certain  
SHARE CERTIFICATE Numbered  
2737 for 100 SHARES, in the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited, has been issued fraudulently and  
without the Authority of the said Company,  
and is now in circulation.  
ALL PERSONS therefore are hereby  
warned against purchasing or otherwise  
dealing with the said Share Certificate.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary,  
The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf  
and Godown Company, Ltd.,  
Hongkong, December 30, 1899.

### NOTICES OF FIRMS.

#### NOTICE.

I have This Day Established Myself in  
Hongkong as a **REPAIRER** and  
COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style  
and Firm of **W. H. HALL & Co.**  
F. W. HALL,  
No. 1, Duddell Street,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

#### NOTICE.

MR. ALBRECHT SANDER, has been  
Authorized to SIGN our FIRM  
per Procuration.  
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

#### NOTICE.

WE have This Day Admitted PART-  
NERS in our FIRM: Mr. MAX  
NICKLASSEN and Mr. RUDOLPH LEMKE,  
and we have Authorized to SIGN  
our FIRM per Procuration: Mr. FRITZ  
LIEB and Mr. ERNST DELBANCE.  
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

#### NOTICE.

WE have This Day Admitted Mr.  
LENNY ADOLPH WARE  
SLADE a PARTNER in our FIRM in  
Hongkong and Funchow.  
GHIMAN & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

#### NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. F. W. HALL  
has NO LONGER any Connection  
with Messrs. GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
or Myself.  
GEO. R. STEVENS,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

#### CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,

#### LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. H. P. WADMAN  
has been appointed Acting Secretary.  
By Order of the Board of Directors.  
A. S. GARETT,  
Acting Secretary,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SEASON! LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

WILL SELL  
ROUSSILLON CHAMPAGNE

TILL 15th JANUARY NEXT, at \$25.00 per Doz. Quarts, and \$13.50 per Doz. Pints;  
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DEALERS IN  
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Etc., Etc., Etc.  
Have always on Hand an exceptionally fine  
Stock of the latest Goods.  
Prices very MODERATE.  
A trial is earnestly solicited.  
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Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

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On Desiro des Loges Française, pour  
la plupart de conversation.  
Répondre à l'Office of 'CHINA MAIL'.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

### WANTED.

A YOUNG-ENGLISHMAN, wishes to  
be taken as Posing Guest. Rob-  
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letters, with full particulars, to 'D.E.',  
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.  
Hongkong, January 3, 1900.

### THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
TWELFTH ORDINARY MEET-  
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Com-  
pany will be held at the Company's Offices,  
Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the  
24th January, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors together with Statement of Ac-  
counts for the year ending 31st December,  
1899.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the  
Company will be CLOSED from MON-  
DAY, the 14th January, to WEDNESDAY,  
the 24th January, (both days inclusive)  
during which period no TRANSFER of  
SHARES can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors.  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 3, 1900.

### MUSIC.

MAESTRO GALLUZZI, of the ROYAL  
CONSERVATOIRE of NAPLES, is pre-  
pared to receive a limited number of pupils.  
Apply to  
MAESTRO GALLUZZI,  
C/o Robinson's Piano Co.  
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STRAW HATS,  
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GOLF BALLS,  
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CRICKET BATS,  
CRICKET BALLS,  
CRICKET LAG GUARDS,  
&c., &c.,  
FOOTBALLS,  
SLIN GUARDS,  
&c., &c.,  
TENNIS RATS,  
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SPORTING GOODS  
of all kinds.

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FIGS in BOXES,  
PLUMS PLUMS,  
Peaches Stewed in Jars,  
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Suitable for Presents.  
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## THE PHARMACY,

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THIS Business has been under entirely New Management since August 1st. All  
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Homeopathic Medicines.  
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Have arranged for a large and comprehensive exhibit, and will be  
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W. D. GRAHAM, MANAGER.

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Well appointed Rooms, attentive Service, and excellent Cuisine.

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ROYAL TAWNY PORT.

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IND COOPES, per Cask of 8 Dozen Pints

GUINNESS, (BOAR'S HEAD) do.

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NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS ON FIRST FLOOR, OLD BUILDING.

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CHAMPAGNES, SHERRIES, PORTS, CLARETS, BURGUNDIES, COGNAC, MOSELLES, WHITE WINES, AUSTRALIAN AND CALIFORNIA WINES.

BRANDIES, WHISKIES, GINS, BITTERS, LIQUEURS, ALES, STOUTS, CORDON ROUGE, CALDECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
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THE LATEST STYLES IN HANDKERCHIEF SCARVES,

ALSO

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ALWAYS ON HAND THE BEST MARKS FROM  
LA INSULAR AND LA PERLA DE ORIENTE FACTORIES.

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Price 50 Cents and \$1.

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For Croup, Colds, Hoarseness, Influenza, Asthma, Consumption, Hoarse Cough,  
Bronchitis and all Diseases of the Throat and Lungs.

Price \$1 per Bottle.

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QUEEN'S ROAD.

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**Hospital.**  
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Acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
 Liu Chin Fan ..... \$ 50

The return of cases of communicable diseases reported last week shows that there were four cases of smallpox, with two deaths and four cases of plague with three deaths.

**Death Rate of the Colony.**  
The death rate of the Colony for the week ended 9th December was 22 per 1,000 per annum as compared with 25.1 in the corresponding period last year. The death

22.8 as compared with 16.3 during the same period the previous year. The rate for the week ended 23rd December was 20.1.

Li Hung Chang.  
We learn (says the *N.-C. Daily News*) that H.E. Viceroy Li Hung-chang leaves Peking on the 5th January, and has char-

will to convey him from Chinwangtao to  
the 8th to Shanghai. It is expected he  
will pay a brief visit to his home at Anbu  
and will then leave by the first mail steamer

**Sale of Scottish Oriental Steamers.**  
The Scottish Oriental Steamship Company has been sold as a going concern to the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and the Com-

German flag. The officers of the vessel have been given the option to remain in the service of the new company. The management will be retained in the hands of Messrs Butterfield and Swire. We understand, although we cannot vouch for it, that the vessel will be ready to sail in a few days.

changed hands at four and a-half million dollars.

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**Christmas on the River Gunboats.**

We have received a letter from a blue jacket serving on board H.M.S. *Tweed*, a Samahul on the West River, in which he

intimates that the Christmas season has been the happiest time our bluejackets on the West River have spent since they joined the service. Mr Fox, the British Consul at Shumshui, has shown invariably

river gunboats and he has been especially kind at this season of the year. On Christmas Day, Captain the Hon. L. Forbes Semgill, of H.M.S. *Tweed*, hoisted the signal 'A merry Christmas to you all,' and our correspondent writes in ecstatic terms

of the goodness of the Commander of the *Tweed* and also Mr McGill, boatswain in command Torpedo Boat No. 33. Mr Brown Kumchuk, sent Christmas cards to the ships' companies. The European inhabitants of Samshui visited the *Tweed* on Christmas Day and exchanged greetings.

**Tung-Wa Hospital.**  
The Directors of the Tung-Wa Hospital beg to acknowledge with thanks the following Donations to the Fund for the extension

Already acknowledged	\$72,880
On Wo	40
Tung On Tai	30
Kwong Fuk Lung	30
Chi Chung Wo	30
Kwong Yuen	30
Tung Kuen Tong	30
Kwong On Che	30

Man Cheong Tung	30
Wing On Wo	30
Shing Cheong	30
Wing Wo Cheong	30
Chung Wo Tai	30
Wing On Tung	30
Sun Shing Hon	30
Kwong Tung On	30
Kwong Lun Wo	30

Po Tai Wo	30
Wing Sang Wo	30
Fuk Wo Cheong	30
Miu Fat	30
Kwong Yee Chan	30
Kwong Sun Tai	30
Kam Fung Mi	30
Tai Hing Lung	30
Wing Sang Wo	30

Tung Tak Shing	30
Wai Lung Lin	30
Wing Fuk Cheong	30
Wing Shun Wo	30
Po Yuen Kung	30
Kwong Fung	30
Chu Hing Lau	30
Tak Wo Cheung	30

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Wa Shing .....	30
Sam Kee .....	30
Hang Soung .....	39
Shun Shing .....	30
Kwong Yuen Hing .....	30

**Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil**  
increases the assimilation of reparative food, giving vital and nervous energy steadily increasing strength, and making the patient robust and vigorous. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd., Hongkong.

HE HAD CAUSE TO REJOICE.  
A young man came into our store yesterday suffering from a severe attack of cramp colic, writes B. F. Hess, miller and general merchant, Dickey's Mountain, Pa. He had tried various home remedies without relief. As I had used Chamberlain's

gave him a dose and it soon brought him out alright. I never saw a fellow so rejoiced. Sold by All Dealers, Watkins & Co. General Agents.



## Notes by the Way.

Corea intends, it is said, to throw open Port Hamilton to foreign trade.

A Gung Factory Co., with a capital of Tm. 100,000 divided into 100 shares, is being promoted in Shanghai, with a view to supply the Shanghai, Hongkong and Japan markets.

The Russian gun-boat *Mandjur*, Capt. Eberhardt, arrived at Shanghai on the 26th Dec. from Port Arthur. The *Mandjur* and the *Ostrov* Capt. C. O. Chaplars de Collongue, which also arrived at Shanghai from Port Arthur recently, will undergo repairs, and will probably remain in port over a month. Messrs Boyd and Co. have the work in hand.

## Railways in China.

It is stated (says the *N. C. Daily News*) that a Belgian syndicate has recently petitioned the Bureau of Mines and Railways at Peking for permission to construct a railway from Tungchow, near Peking, to Kelan, the object being to facilitate the transport of brick to the Sibiria.

## The late General Schmedlin.

An American newspaper states that the members of the late General Schmedlin, Commander-in-Chief of Chinese Imperial troops during the Taping Rebellion of 1852-3 (Vandarin, red button, and medal Kampo), with pictures and maps, are about to be published in America. These memoirs should be interesting reading.

## The Shanghai Settlements.

The *N. C. Daily News* says, on the 29th December:—This long-expected question (of the extension of the Settlements) is settled at last. The French are to have their extension, on the terms we understand, quoted in Sir Claude Macdonald's telegraphic dispatch of the 6th of December 1899, No. 410 in the Blue Book China No. 1 (1899), and the opposition that has been made to the extension of the Consular Settlement is withdrawn.

## The Central Market.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-day, a report was submitted from Mr. C. Vivian Ladd, in which he intimates that the necessity has long existed for a market for the wholesale and retail dealers in poultry and fresh fish. He suggested that the reclamation in front of the Central Market would be a very suitable place for such a building, and he recommended that the Board advise the Government to retain the site for this purpose. Should there prove to be more space than would be required for the fitting up of these shops and stalls, he recommended that the remainder of the area could be profitably utilized as vegetable stalls, and so provide accommodation for many of the hawkers who at present infest the streets and lanes of the Central district.

## Decorations for Major McCallum.

The *Greenock Telegraph* of the 23rd November contains the following report in which reference is made to Major McCallum, formerly Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteers (Field Battery)—The members of the Field Battery, 1st Battalion, and Dumbarton V.A., assembled last night in the Drill Hall, Kelly Street, under the command of Captain and Hon. Major J. McCallum. Among the non-commissioned officers on parade were Sergeant Major Goodough, District Sergeant Major Dudge, and Quartermaster Sergeant James Liddell. The band were also present under Bandmaster Robert Whitford. On arriving in the hall, Colonel F. G. Genoull (who was accompanied by Captain and Adjutant Phyllis, R.A.M.), was received with the general salute, and after inspecting the battery, Colonel Genoull addressed the parade. He said the object of their meeting that night was to present the long service medal to their commanding officer (Major McCallum) and also to Battery Quartermaster Sergeant Liddell. Although only connected with the battery for two years, Major McCallum served with the Hongkong Artillery Volunteers, which he joined as a private in 1875. He rapidly passed through all the non-commissioned ranks, received afterwards his lieutenant's commission, and retired from the Hongkong Artillery with the rank of captain. Immediately on coming home, Major McCallum joined the Greenock Battery of Position, and was appointed its commanding officer, a position which he has filled most efficiently. His service altogether was over twenty-one years. He had great pleasure in planning the medal on Major McCallum's breast, and hoped he would be long spared to wear it. (Applause.)

YVESSELS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon.—Isle de Cuba, Isle de Luzon, Iris, H.I.G.M.S. Hertha, Triumph, Katsang, H.M.S. Algeria, Hongkong.

Competition.—Don Juan de Austria, Mennur.

Atterden.—(none).

Stearns '4' Rosos.

A fragrant, delicate and popular perfume, an entirely original odor—possessing all the desirable features sought in a high class perfume. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

I want to let the people who suffer from rheumatism and sciatica know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me after a number of other medicines and a doctor had failed. It is the best medicine I have ever known of. J. A. DOWNS, Alhambra, Ga. Thousands have been cured of rheumatism by this remedy. One application relieves the pain. For sale by All Dealers, Watkins & Co., General Agents.

## Cattle in the New Territory.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-day a report was submitted from Inspector J. T. Cattan on the cattle in the new territory. The Inspector made a tour of inspection of 204 villages in the new territory in fifteen days. According to the report the grand total of cattle in the district is 3418 and the total of buffaloes, 1862. The grand total of deaths reported amongst the animals during the past six months was, cattle 735; buffaloes 29. The disease was principally rinderpest, and the infection was spread through the district by cattle in course of transit through the new territory from Chinese territory to Hongkong.

## The French in South China.

An official telegram dated Canton, 27th December, received by the Shanghai mandarin, states as follows:—The French have not yet arrived here, although he notified the high authorities that he would leave Kuangchow as soon as he had settled the boundary question with the French. This work was finished just one week ago, but there are no indications of his arrival at Hongkong, although a cruiser has been sent there to bring H.E. to Canton. It is, therefore, considered here, that Marshal Su has been detained by force at Kuangchow by the French as a hostage for the fulfilment of the conditions granted by the Imperial Government.—*N. C. Daily News*.

## A Distinguished Chinese Soldier.

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 27th December says:—The local mandarin received on the 24th instant a telegram from Ningpo announcing the sudden death, on the afternoon of the day before, from apoplexy of H. E. Baron Li Kuang-chin, Provincial Judge and Generalissimo of the Chikiang Army of Defence, at headquarters camp, near Chikiang. The unexpected death of Baron Li will be a great loss to the Chinese Government, as he possessed the confidence of his troops, had an active service both in Tongking and Manchuria against the French and Japanese, and was considered one of the best General officers at the disposal of the Imperial Government. The deceased official was a native of Hunan, and will be remembered as Tso-tai of this port for a short time last year when he came as successor to Tsai Tsotai, although already destined for a much higher post, which he accepted three months after being installed in the local's yamen in the native city here.

## Manchu versus Chinese.

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 29th December says:—The following Peking telegram was received yesterday by a high Chinese official, temporarily staying in this port, the contents of which we have been courteously permitted to translate: It having come to the knowledge of the Emperor Dowager that a deep-seated dissatisfaction exists among high civil and military officials and the masses throughout the country who claim to be of Chinese descent, with regard to her recent policy of transferring all civil and military power to men of Manchu descent, Her Majesty has been constrained to send for H.E. Viceroy Liu Kang-i of Mongolia, as the most widely known and best respected official of Chinese descent in the Empire, one who also has had the largest experience of active military service (H.E. Liu received his first baptism of fire during the Taping rebellion) to come up to Peking with all facts in order that she may learn from his own lips how matters actually stand, and whether this dissatisfaction is true or not. Should it actually exist within the knowledge of Viceroy Liu, the emperor may be H.E. will be retained in the North at present as a mediator between the Manchu and Chinese, and as she never fails to say, "Manchu and Chinese—all alike are my subjects and all equally beloved and trusted by me."

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STALKY AND CO. By Rudyard Kipling. No. 384 Macmillan's Colonial Library. Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh.

Dedicated to Cornhill Price, headmaster, United Service College, Westward Ho! Bideford, North Devon, 1874-1894, this latest book of Kipling's seeks to record in permanent form the doings of three school-boys, of whom the most famous is now 'Beetle,' better known as Rudyard Kipling. The boys show a thorough contempt for 'Erie' and 'St. Winifred's,' the creations of Arnoldson Parry, and get through their school-lessons in a robust and, it seems to us, somewhat unmannerly manner. We doubt if Kipling has been successful in portraying faithfully the life of an English public school; one unconsciously glories the episodes of youth. Still the knowledge of this does not destroy our appreciation of 'Stalky and Co.,' which bears ample evidence of the artistic genius of this popular writer. The men who will enjoy the book most of all are the officers and public servants who have contributed to Britain's greatness.

Each degree of latitude  
Strung about Creation  
Seeth on (or more) of us  
(Of one master all of us)  
Diligent in that he does,  
Keen in his resolution.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER GAZETTE.

London, 1st January, 1900.

## THE WAR—CAPE COLONY.

The Times Correspondent at Stellenbosch, 31st December, says that forty Montomery's Scouts were cut off yesterday, owing to their refusal to leave a wounded officer. They defended themselves splendidly against the repeated attacks of 500 Boers until they were rescued by a party under Capt. Goldsmith. The Boers then retreated with a loss of thirty killed.

## ENROLMENT OF THE CITY OF LONDON VOLUNTEERS.

The first 500 City Imperial Volunteers have been enrolled at Guildhall with great ceremony and enthusiasm.

## REUTERS SERVICE.

London, 2nd January, 1900.

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The Correspondents at Chieveley are unanimous in their opinion that the task confronting General Buller is stupendous. The Tugela River is in full flood, and the Boer position a perfect fortress.

## DISAFFECTION IN CAPE COLONY.

Ugly rumours are current in Capetown of disaffection in the Victoria West and Clanwilliam districts.

## RE-INFORCEMENTS.

The seventh division will embark by the 11th instant.

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An official dispatch states that Colonel Piloher, with a force largely composed of Canadian and Australian, after a forced march of 22 miles, surprised and completely defeated the Boer Commando near Belmont on the 1st instant, taking their laager, with 40 prisoners, besides killing and wounding many. The British Lt. Col. Adie, of the Queensland Mounted Infantry, severely wounded, and three killed.

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